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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

As you are aware, in order to complete the DofE Bronze award your child needs to complete a two day expedition, this expedition is not a residential, but your child will complete tasks such as erecting a tent and cooking over the course of the two days. The dates and times for the expedition have now been confirmed by Mountain Ash. Please be aware that this is a change to the original dates, due to staffing changes by Mountain Ash.

**Saturday 9th July** - your child will need to arrive at the drop off location:

**Pamphill Parish Hall, Abbott St, Pamphill, Wimborne BH21 4EF at 9am.**

Students will return to this location at 4pm at the earliest, however this time may be later, dependent on the students finishing the route without complications.

**Sunday 10th July** - your child will need to arrive at the drop off location:

**Badbury Rings car park, Shapwick, Blandford Forum DT11 9JL at 9am.**

Students will return to this location at 4pm at the earliest, however this time may be later, this is dependent on the students finishing the route without complications.

This part of the qualification is run by an external company (Mountain Ash). Magna Academy staff will only be present at the beginning and end of each expedition.

Please complete the attached [Google form](#) which will allow us to amend any relevant risk assessments.

Students are required to have the following equipment with them in order to complete the expedition:

Item	Notes
Rucksack	Ideally this should be adjustable to achieve a comfortable fit
Boots/shoes	The most important thing is to have a shoe that is comfortable, this may be a pair of training shoes
Sweater/fleece	Ideally not cotton or wool as these materials do not dry easily once wet. A polyester fleece is ideal
Trousers	Lightweight quick dry walking trousers are ideal. Leggings work well
Waterproof jacket	This is essential even if weather forecast says no rain
Warm hat and gloves	It can always be cold whatever the time of year, especially in the mornings and evenings. Whatever the time of year for your expedition you must pack a warm hat and gloves
Sun hat, sun cream, sunglasses	Always apply suntan lotion at the start of the day
Water bottle	You will need to have access to water throughout the day. You should carry at least 1 litre of water with you either in one or two bottles. Plastic bottles from a shop work well
Matches	For your stoves you will need either matches or a lighter
Strong plastic bags	You should wrap everything that is in your rucksack in dry bags or bin liners. Ideally line the whole of your rucksack with a large bin liner as well. Any rain will try to find a way in, if your kit becomes wet and you are at risk from the cold your expedition may be over
Food	You need to bring your own lunch for day 1 and any snacks required for both days
Cutlery	A spork works well and covers most needs
Toilet paper/wet wipes	Couple of rolls/packs per group
Medication	Please bring any medication that you require with you and make sure that your team supervisor is aware of it

**Mountain Ash will supply the following: Lunch (on day 2), compass and maps.**

If you have any further questions about the expedition please email me: [lcousins@magnaspirations.org](mailto:lcousins@magnaspirations.org)

Yours sincerely,  
*L Cousins*

Miss L Cousins  
Teacher of English